

Field: Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Change report for the review of Pest Operations and Pest Management New Zealand Qualifications

Reviewed qualifications

Ref	Version	Qualification title	Level	Credits
2443	2	New Zealand Certificate in Pest Operations (Level 3) with strands in Rural Pest Control, Rural Pest Monitoring, and Urban Pest Control	3	40-60
2444	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pest Management (Level 4) with strands in Pest Animal, and Pest Plant	4	105

Review information

Qualification Developer	Primary ITO
Reason for the review	Scheduled 5 yearly review
Review date	September 2020
Outcome date	September 2020
Next review date	September 2025

Summary of review and consultation process

A consultation meeting was held in early March 2020. Qualification stakeholders were invited to participate, including industry and providers who had approved programmes, to discuss and update the required sector specific sections of the qualifications.

The New Zealand Certificate in Pest Operations (Level 3) with strands [Ref: 2443] has had usage and any changes required were discussed with stakeholders.

There has been no usage of the New Zealand Certificate in Pest Management (Level 4) with strands [Ref: 2444], however, stakeholders proposed that it remain as is. Industry confirmed there was a need for this qualification as a pathway from Level 3 and with the government's Predator Free 2050 formally launched in March, both industry and providers believed there was a strong case for retaining the Level 4 qualification for the jobs that this strategy is likely to stimulate.

Minor changes were made to meet current technical requirements.

Wider stakeholder consultation was carried out via an online survey in mid-March 2020. Changes were incorporated where appropriate and changes discussed at the initial consultation meeting were confirmed by industry stakeholders, providers with graduates, and providers with approved programmes.

Main changes resulting from the review

New Zealand Certificate in Pest Operations (Level 3) with strands in Rural Pest Control, Rural Pest Monitoring, and Urban Pest Control [Ref: 2443]:

- Outcomes 1 and 3 were combined into one outcome.
- Conditions relating to the Graduate Profile were removed to better meet current technical criteria for listing of qualifications.
- Credits were adjusted for Graduate Outcomes in strands to align with industry requirements for vehicle use as quad bikes are no longer an option for use in pest control due to safety implications.
- Revised credits for Graduate Outcomes other than vehicles reflect the time taken for learning and assessment.
- Minor changes were made to Qualification Specifications to meet current technical criteria for listing of qualifications.

New Zealand Certificate in Pest Management (Level 4) with strands in Pest Animal, and Pest Plant [Ref: 2444]:

- Minor changes were made to Qualification Specifications to better meet current technical criteria for listing of qualifications.

Review outcome

Reference	Version	Reviewed qualification	Outcome category	New qualification details/version
2443	2	New Zealand Certificate in Pest Operations (Level 3) with strands in Rural Pest Control, Rural Pest Monitoring, and Urban Pest Control	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	Version 3
2444	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pest Management (Level 4) with strands in Pest Animal, and Pest Plant	<i>B-New version of qualification</i>	Version 2

Qualification review outcome categories

Outcome	Result	Category
No changes are identified to the qualification	Qualification version number and NZQF ID remain the same. New review date is required.	A
Minor changes are identified to the qualification	New version of qualification is required (NZQF ID remains the same). New review date is required.	B
Significant changes are required to the qualification	New replacement qualification is required with a new NZQF ID. The existing qualification will expire.	C
The qualification is no longer required by industry	The qualification will expire with no replacement.	D

Transition information

Ref	Version	Qualification title	Last date of entry*	Last date of assessment
2443	2	New Zealand Certificate in Pest Operations (Level 3) with strands in Rural Pest Control, Rural Pest Monitoring, and Urban Pest Control	N/A	31 Dec 2022
2444	1	New Zealand Certificate in Pest Management (Level 4) with strands in Pest Animal, and Pest Plant	N/A	31 Dec 2022

**only required for outcome category C or D*

Any person who considers they have been disadvantaged by these transition arrangements may appeal to Primary ITO at the address below. Appeals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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